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Ms. Jodi M. Coblentz, P.E. Manager
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Indiana Department of Transportation
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Dear Ms. Coblentz:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) responded to INDOT's letter of November 10, 2008 requesting an eligibility finding for Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds on November 26, 2008. At that time, FHWA noted how previous local public agency (LPA) CMAQ equipment purchase projects had not been implemented due to the lack of a clear and established process to advance these projects to completion. Based upon this finding, FHWA withheld its eligibility finding for the projects listed below until an appropriate procedure was established.

Thank you for providing the INDOT new CMAQ Equipment Acquisition Procedure to FHWA. We appreciate the efforts to clarify this as an official adopted INDOT process. Based upon the procedure, FHWA is pleased to find the following equipment purchase projects eligible for CMAQ funds:

Project #	DESCRIPTION	CMAQ Type/ MPO	CMAQ Amount	Fiscal Year	VOC Emissions Reduction (kg/day)
17	Purchase of Biodiesel Regenerative air sweeper, Hamilton County, Pilot Project	Indianapolis	\$160,000	2010	0.75
21	Purchase 1 Pickup Truck to use Bio- diesel fuel, Delaware County – Alternative Fuel Vehicle	Muncie	\$75,000	2009	0.11
22	Purchase 1 Wheel Loader to use Bio- diesel fuel, Delaware County – Alternative Fuel Vehicle	Muncie	\$125,000	2009	0.19
23	Purchase 1 Steel Wheel Roller to use Bio-diesel fuel, Delaware County – Alternative Fuel Vehicle	Muncie	\$140,000	2009	0.07

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24	Liberty Regional Waste Water District – Alternative Fuel Vehicle (1 vehicle)	Muncie	\$34,000	2009	0.07
26	Muncie – 2 Pickup Trucks to use Bio-diesel fuel, Delaware County, Alternative Fuel vehicle	Muncie	\$70,000	2009	0.09
27	Muncie – Purchase 5 Hybrid Vehicles, Delaware County, Alternative Fuel vehicle	Muncie	\$150,000	2009	0.30
28	Muncie Sanitary District – 9 Pickup Trucks to use Bio-diesel fuel, Delaware County, Alternative Fuel Vehicles	Muncie	\$300,000	2009	0.51
29	Selma – Purchase 1 Pickup Truck to use Bio-diesel fuel, Delaware County, Alternative Fuel Vehicle	Muncie	\$34,000	2009	0.05
30	Yorktown – PE to develop Bike/Ped Trail along River Rd, Delaware County, Bicycle/Pedestrian	Muncie	\$200,000	2009	0.14
31	Multi-Agency - 115 Police Cars, Lake/Porter/LaPorte Counties, Alternative Fuel Vehicles, letters certifying E85 use must be received by INDOT from agencies receiving vehicles	Northwest #01	\$2,752,192	2009	0.29
32	Multi-Agency – 22 Pick up Trucks, Lake/Porter/LaPorte Counties, Alternative Fuel Vehicles, letters certifying E85 use must be received by INDOT from agencies receiving vehicles	Northwest #02	\$534,502	2009	0.05
34	Multi Agency – 28 Hybrid Vehicles Alternative Fuel Vehicles, Lake/Porter/LaPorte Counties,	Northwest #04	\$808,725	2009	0.01
35	Multi Agency – 9 small electric vehicles, Lake/Porter/LaPorte Counties, Alternative Fuel vehicles	Northwest #05	\$135,704	2009	0.01
36	Multi-Agency – 5 Cargo Vans, Lake/Porter/LaPorte Counties, Alternative Fuel Vehicles, letters certifying E85 use must be received by INDOT from agencies receiving vehicles	Northwest #06	\$126,000	2009	0.03
37	Valparaiso – 1 street sweeper, Porter County, Alternative Fuel Vehicle	Northwest #07	\$168,067	2009	0.01
28	Valparaiso – 1 HD diesel truck, Porter County, Alternative Fuel Vehicle	Northwest #08	\$155,462	2009	0.01
39	Valparaiso – 1 diesel refuse truck, Porter County, Alternative Fuel Vehicle	Northwest #09	\$138,655	2009	0.01

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40	Gary(EJ&ERR) – diesel switcher engine retrofit, Lake & Porter Counties, Public Private partnership, Certification must be received that engine will remain in Lake & Porter Counties	Northwest #10	\$606,000	2009	0.01
41	Multi Agency - Purchase 4 HD pick up trucks, Lake, Porter, LaPorte Counties, Alternative Fuel vehicles	Northwest #11	\$155,334	2009	0.01
42	Purdue University – Purchase Flex Fuel Sedan, Lake County, Alternative Fuel Vehicle, Project eligible only if vehicle is removed from Purdue University fleet and retired from service, , letter certifying E85 use must be received by INDOT from agency receiving vehicles	Northwest #12	\$22,500	2009	0.01
43	Multi Agency – 2 pieces off road construction equipment, LaPorte County, Alternative Fuel vehicles	Northwest #13	\$54,752	2009	0.01
44	Michigan City – Purchase 1 CNG fueled sewer vacuum truck, LaPorte County, Alternative Fuel Vehicle	Northwest #14	\$300,000	2009	0.01
45	Michigan City – Convert 10 HD diesel powered trucks to propane, LaPorte County, Diesel Engine Retrofit	Northwest #15	\$35,000	2009	0.01
49	Public/Private Partnership – Scope expansion in project deemed eligible in 2007 for (394 Diesel Oxidation Canisters), Lake County, funding will be added to existing project	Northwest #18	\$582,250	2009-2010	0.14
51	NIRPC – Bike/Ped– Scope expansion in project deemed eligible in 2006 for bicycle racks, Lake, Porter, & LaPorte Counties	Northwest #20	\$200,000	2009-2010	0.10

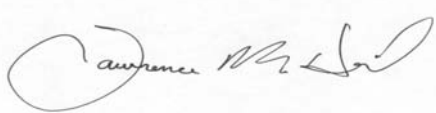
This eligibility finding for CMAQ funds does not constitute approval or authorization to proceed with purchases. Local agencies should be reminded that they should not purchase equipment until the following requirements are met for their projects:

- Projects are approved by metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) and amended into their Transportation Improvement Programs and the Indiana Statewide Transportation Improvement Program; and
- INDOT has authorized the CMAQ federal funds with FHWA, and issued a written notice to proceed for the equipment purchase.

Purchases made before these requirements are met will not be eligible for reimbursement.

Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this action, please contact Larry Heil at 317-226-7480.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert F. Tally, Jr.", is positioned above the typed name.

For Robert F. Tally, Jr. P.E.
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